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SUBJ: JET FUEL ALLOCATION FOR PACIFIC WESTERN
AIRWAYS, VANCOUVER, B.C.

- 1. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR DEFENSE BARNARD TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IN PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED BY NORTHERN WOOD PULP PTY., MELBOURNE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS MAJOR WOOD CHIP PLANT IN BARNARD'S ELECTORATE OF TASMANIA.
- 2. NORTHERN WOOD PULP TASMANIA PLANT NOW OPERATING AT ONE-FOURTH CAPACITY AND TURNING AWAY SCHEDULED RAW MATERIAL DELIVERIES BECAUSE OF MACHINERY BREAKDOWN. REQUIRES DELIVERY FROM NICHOLSON/MURDY CORPORATION, VANCOUVER OF 30,000 POUND 96 INCH DIAMETER ROLLING DRUM TO RESTORE PLANT OPERATIONS FULL CAPACITY. NORTHERN WOOD PULP HAS CONTRACTED WITH CANADIAN CHARTER AIRLINE, PACIFIC WESTERN AIRLINES, VANCOUVER, B.C. TO LIFT DRUM IN C130 CARGO PLANE VANCOUVER NOVEMBER 26 AND DELIVER TASMANIA WITH REFUELING STOPS HONOLULU, PAGO PAGO AND ACUKLAND. AIRLINE REQUIRES REFUELING AT EACH STOP BUT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY CALTEX THAT UNDER CURRENT U.S. ALLOCATION SYSTEM NO FUEL CAN BE FURNISHED AT HONOLULU AND PAGO PAGO IN EITHER DIRECTION ON ROUND TRIP.
- 3. NICHOLSON/MURDY IS AFFILIATE OF NICHOLSON CORP., UNCLASSIFIED

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SEATTLE, WASH. NORTHERN WOOD PULP ADVISES REPLACEMENT

EQUIPMENT PARTIALLY MANUFACTURED SEATTLE AND PARTLY VANCOUVER WITH FINAL ASSEMBLY VANCOUVER.

4. EMBASSY ADVISED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IT WOULD REPORT PROBLEM TO WASHINGTON AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE. EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PACIFIC WESTERN AIRLINES FULLY EXHAUST POSSIBILITIES OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND ANY POSSIBILITIES OF ALLOCATIONS AVAILABLE FOR CANADIAN CARRIERS AT U.S. POINTS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THIS MATTER ALREADY TAKEN UP WITH CANADIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE GILLESPIE AND THAT A MR. BORDEN, ENERGY ADVISER TO GILLESPIE, IS AWARE OF CASE.

5. AT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S URGING, EMBASSY AGREED TO CONTACT HIM BY COB NOVEMBER 9 WITH ANY INFORMATION IT COULD OBTAIN RESPECTING POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO ADVISE EMBASSY STATUS OF MATTER FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY BE AMERICAN CHARTER FIRM WITH SUITABLE AIRCRAFT AND ACCESS TO AMERICAN FUEL LOCATIONS AVAILABLE

TO MEET THIS NEED. GREEN

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